

## News in Brief

### **FPS and Council for Nature**

Sir Landsborough Thomson has retired from the chairmanship of the Council for Nature, after serving continuously since 1958. He now represents the FPS on the Council, along with Peter Scott, who is a C for N Vice-President. The FPS Hon Secretary, Richard Fitter, is Hon Treasurer of the Council.

### **CoEnCo**

A Committee for Environmental Conservation, CoEnCo has been formed to continue the co-operation between the amenity and wildlife sides of the conservation movement initiated by the Countryside in 1970 Conferences. FPS is represented through the Council for Nature.

### **Medal for Indian Conservationist**

The John C. Phillips Medal for 1966/69 was presented to the veteran Indian ornithologist, Salim Ali, at the IUCN Assembly in New Delhi.

### **Conservation Expert for East Africa**

Dr Kai Curry-Lindahl, Swedish conservationist whose name is familiar to ORYX readers, has gone to Nairobi as UNESCO Expert in Ecology and Conservation for Africa.

### **Increase in Southern Sea Otters**

The southern sea otter population (believed from 1910 to 1938 to be extinct) has now topped the 1000 mark, and seems to be extending its range off the Californian coast.

### **Programme for Galapagos Research**

The Charles Darwin Foundation for the Galapagos Islands has drawn up a programme for the Research Station, both for the resident scientists and to give visiting scientists an appreciation of the priorities where so much has to be done. A copy of the programme can be had from the Secretary, British Museum, Tring, Herts.

### **Good Start for WWF Appeal**

The British National Appeal of WWF has announced two gifts that give a flying start to their appeal for a million pounds in ECY 1970: £100,000 in January from the Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust to start a BNA endowment fund, and £250,000 from an anonymous donor to found a Peter Scott Wildlife Endowment Fund.

### **FRAME**

There will be a warm welcome from all conservationists for FRAME—the newly founded Fund for the Replacement of Animals in Medical Experiments: 35 Wool Road, London SW20.

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